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Sinclairs can sue: Court

CHARTER RIGHTS

Man died in 2008 while waiting in ER

Manitoba's highest court has ruled that the family of a man who died during a 34-hour hospital emergency room wait can sue the health authority for a breach of charter and privacy rights.

Lower courts struck out the heart of the lawsuit filed by the family of Brian Sinclair, ruling his loved ones couldn't sue because those rights died with him in 2008. Lawyers for Sinclair's family argued it was absurd that the family of a man who died because he didn't receive proper care couldn't sue because he was dead.

After eight months of deliberations, the Manitoba Court of Appeal said that the lawsuit should be allowed to proceed.

Vilko Zbogar, one of the family's lawyers, said the rul-

ing has important implications for the evolution of charter law, as well as the family's pursuit of justice.

"This is absolutely a landmark ruling on charter interpretation and on privacy rights," he said.

"It's important to the family to have vindication for Brian Sinclair's death and it's very important to them to hold the institutions who were responsible accountable for their conduct. They made racist assumptions about why Brian Sinclair was there sitting in his wheelchair throwing up during a 34-hour period and that's what led to his death."

The appeal court also restored the family's right to sue the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for disclosing private health information about Sinclair after his death.

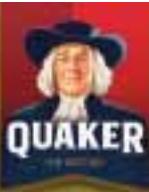
The 45-year-old double amputee died of a treatable bladder infection caused by a blocked catheter.

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Up in smoke

As increasingly more Manitobans make the switch from tobacco to e-cigarettes, the Manitoba government is seeing its tax revenue from smokes shrink — up to 12 per cent this year alone. Coverage, **metroNEWS**. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



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Film chronicles couple's fight with schizophrenia

HEALTH

Man's recovery using holistic therapy subject of documentary

Shane Gibson
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A Winnipeg man and his wife who nearly split up after schizophrenia turned his life into a "waking nightmare" have finished a documentary that looks at a holistic therapy he says has left him living symptom-free without drugs.

"Any nightmares that I was experiencing while I was ill were a reprieve from what I was experiencing when I was wide awake," said Sean Miller, who was officially diagnosed with schizophrenia in 2005 after he started experiencing symptoms nine years earlier.

"You hear voices, your sense of reality doesn't match those around you."



You hear voices, your sense of reality doesn't match those around you.

Sean Miller

ward by TSN's Michael Landsberg, will be available on DVD within the next month.

"I share my struggle with mental illness, the fact I was written off by local doctors who encouraged my wife to leave the marriage," said Miller. "But we got help."

That help came through Targeted Amino Acid Therapy, a relatively new approach that uses a blend of supplements to restore neurotransmitter function and changes in his diet and to his fitness level.

"The concept is heal the gut, heal the brain," explained Miller. "Mental illness — schizophrenia, depression — a large part of it is due to inflammation ... we found out what I was lacking in nutrients and we found out the ways to put out the inflammation."

Miller said he's been symptom-free since 2008 and was told by doctors he could stop taking prescription medication for schizophrenia three years later.

The Millers hope telling their story will help others suffering from mental illness.



SILENT VOICES

Discovering their story

For more information, or to order a copy of the documentary, go to thrivementalhealth.ca.



Sean Miller and his wife, Doris, have finished a documentary about Sean's road to recovery from schizophrenia, funded partly through an online fundraising campaign started three years ago. When the Voices Fell Silent: A Mental Health Recovery Story will be available on DVD within the month. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

CITY PROGRAMS

MSS launches initiative to fight mental health stigmas

The Manitoba Schizophrenia Society (MSS) announced Tuesday they are offering help for those dealing with mental illness, with a new program called Coming Out Proud Against the Stigma of Mental Illness (COPP).

COPP focuses on the stigma and self-stigma of mental illness, and will be adopted throughout

Manitoba by the MSS.

Dr. Pat Corrigan, professor of Psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology, developed the program.

"The prejudice and discrimination of mental illness is as disabling as the illness itself," said Corrigan.

"It undermines people at-

taining their personal goals, and dissuades them from pursuing effective treatments."

According to Corrigan the benefits of the program are that people who come out typically experience less self-stigma, and a greater sense of personal empowerment.

The first of the training work-

shops is May 26 and 27 at the United Way at 580 Main St.

People who wish to participate must have personally lived with a mental illness, and people must be willing to run one COPP group as part of a research evaluation process. The fee is \$50 for both days, and lunch is included in the fee. METRO

HELPING OUT

Seeking aid, pitching in

For registration or to obtain more information on schizophrenia or the program, please contact the MSS at 204-786-1616.

IN BRIEF

Schools pass motion to request religion review

One of Manitoba's largest school divisions wants the NDP government to change who decides if religious groups can operate in public schools.

A motion passed 7-2 by the Winnipeg School division Monday night asks the province to review wording in the Public Schools Act section on religious instruction. The vote follows a petition by an extracurricular religious club to operate at a division school.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship says it's in about 40 Manitoba schools and does not try to recruit students.

Currently, if a petition is submitted with 25 signatures, a group or club can use school space.

The motion asks that the act's wording be changed from "the school board shall pass a bylaw authorizing instruction in religion" to "it may pass."

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U of W students get new reading week

The University of Winnipeg is giving its students a new break. The school will become the first post-secondary institution in Manitoba to introduce a week-long Fall Reading Break starting next year.

"We recognize that our students lead busy lives and that time off mid-semester will help them to recharge," said U of W president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Annette Trimbee, in a release Tuesday. "Many universities across Canada have made this a part of the academic calendar, so when our students brought this forward, we were prepared to offer our support."

The idea was applauded by U of W Student's Association president Peyton Veitch: "I'm thrilled that the University of Winnipeg will be setting a positive example as the first university in Manitoba to introduce a full week-long fall reading break," said Veitch. "Allowing students to recharge and decompress during a hectic time of year is part of fostering a holistic approach to mental health and wellness." METRO

INSURANCE

Benefit covers loss of unpaid caregivers

The Manitoba government is offering a new insurance benefit for people who lose a stay-at-home caregiver in a motor-vehicle crash.

Until now, there was no insurance coverage to make up for the cost of replacing a stay-at-home parent or other caregiver who is killed in a crash.

A bill now before the legislature would pay up to \$30,000 a year to cover replacement caregiver costs, depending on the amount of dependents involved.

Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh said the coverage will apply to parents, relatives of infirm or elderly adults or anyone else who stays home to care for a relative.

"When families lose an unpaid, stay-at-home caregiver in an accident, they not only suffer a huge emotional loss,

they also face the prospect of having to shoulder the costs of looking after dependent family members at home," Mackintosh said. "This legislative change would enhance existing coverage, fully recognizing the value of the work done by the caregiver and compensate the family for the economic loss."

The idea for the change came from insurance broker John McDonald, who said one of his clients was a woman who was killed in a crash on the Perimeter Highway south of Winnipeg.

McDonald said the woman's husband faced \$4,000 a month in bills for child care.

"This enhanced benefit is an important recognition of the value of the unpaid work done by countless stay-at-home caregivers," Mackintosh said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh introduced legislation Tuesday that would enhance benefits to families that lose a stay-at-home caregiver in a collision. DAVE BAXTER/METRO



Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton speaks to media Tuesday after unveiling Manitoba's new emergency alerting system. Inset: The display that will pop up on your TV during a warning. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

'It could save your life'

PUBLIC SAFETY

Broadcasters, government to use new system to push alerts

 **Shane Gibson**
Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba is launching a new emergency warning system, coming soon to a television or radio near you.

The new system includes a massive bright, red screen overlay warning of impending life-

threatening emergencies and also includes a (deliberately) highly annoying sound that will blast out of your entertainment box of choice.

"It could save your life," said Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton after giving media a sample of the ear-piercing siren-like sound Tuesday afternoon. "Whether it's a forest fire, whether it's a flash-flood situation or a tornado or whether it's a bio-hazard from some form of a spill — these are situations which Manitobans need to know that there's a potential risk element."

The system, called Alert

Ready, gives authorized government agencies and broadcasters across the country a simple and easily accessible way to issue public-safety alerts.

Cable and satellite companies, radio stations, over-the-air television stations and video-on-demand services are all on board and all will have their feeds instantly taken over with alerts when needed.

The system was developed with help from federal, provincial and territorial emergency management officials, Environment Canada and the broadcast industry.

The system will be tested for the first time on all plat-

forms in Manitoba for around 90 seconds on Wednesday afternoon at 1:58 p.m.

The province expects the next phase of the system, which will see alerts pushed directly to cellular devices, to be operating within the next two years.

A spokesperson from MTS said about 10 per cent of their customers in Winnipeg — those subscribing to the company's MTS Classic TV service — won't get the warnings because the system doesn't have the technical ability to support the alerts.

The CRTC has given MTS until September to make sure all customers can get the alerts.



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Coun. Janice Lukes lashed back at claims by Coun. Russ Wyatt that the public needs more information and consultation before the city moves forward with a \$330-million, 20-year active transportation plan. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Councillors spar over active transportation

CITY HALL

Wyatt says public first needs more info about plan

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

Coun. Russ Wyatt said the public needs far more consultation and information about the city's proposed \$330 million, 20-year active transportation plan.

But Coun. Janice Lukes lashed back at Wyatt, saying his claims about the plan are

unfounded.

Wyatt praised the plan for being "visionary" and "aggressive" but said with the amount of changes proposed, there should be more information going out to citizens.

"Change is possible," said Wyatt. "But you have to ensure that you consult and try to bring as much of the public with you as possible."

"Maybe these are the right changes, but I think at this point we need to take a step back, and go back to the public."

He also questioned if even those on council know much of the details of the plan.

"Some members of council might not be as familiar with

It's a guiding document. We need that vision.

Coun. Janice Lukes

the report and that concerns me," said Wyatt.

Lukes angrily lashed back at Wyatt's claims about the report.

"We reached out to the public three or four more times than we have ever done on any road infrastructure project," said Lukes. "We had more feedback than we ever had on any development such

as this."

She also said nothing proposed in the plan will start happening immediately.

"I think you are indicating that these changes are set in stone and they are going to be done, but it's not," she said to Wyatt.

"It's a guiding document. We need that vision."

The city's Infrastructure and Public Works committee unanimously approved the plan, and it will now go to EPC before going to council.

The city's active transportation plan is multi-faceted plan that looks to increase the amount of people walking and cycling throughout Winnipeg.

CYCLING

Four streets off limits to drivers Sundays

There are now four streets in Winnipeg designated as Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Routes, and drivers who don't follow the new rules could be fined as much as \$185.

Wellington Crescent, Wolseley Avenue, Lyndale Drive and Scotia Street have been designated as Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Routes, to

give cyclists an opportunity to use those roads with limited vehicle traffic during designated times.

In the past vehicle traffic was discouraged, but not prohibited on these streets at the posted times, but the city said vehicle travel on the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Route is now limited to a distance of not

more than one block.

The restrictions will run from the Sunday before Victoria Day until Thanksgiving Day Monday, and include all Sundays and statutory holidays during that time, according to a statement from the city.

The restrictions will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

on those designated days and signs will be posted to let drivers know they are entering a Sunday/Holiday route.

The city said a violation of the Sunday/Holiday bike hours will result in a fine of about \$185, but an educational phase is planned to help drivers get used to the changes. METRO

E-CIGARETTES

Drop in tobacco tax revenues predicted

Electronic cigarettes are taking a bite out of Manitoba's tobacco tax revenues.

The provincial government raised tobacco taxes by one dollar a carton in last week's budget, but is expecting tobacco tax revenues to drop by about 12 per cent from last year.

Barry Draward, an assistant deputy minister of finance, said the main reason for the drop is people switching from tobacco to electronic cigarettes.

The battery-operated e-cigarettes are not subject to tobacco taxes and are used by some people as a nicotine-free alternative.

But others use them with nicotine cartridges, to get the same nicotine hit as a regular cigarette without the tobacco.

Draward says the jury is still out as to whether e-cigarettes are an alternative form of tobacco cigarettes or a stop-smoking aid, and there could

12%

The province predicts tobacco tax revenue to drop by 12 per cent.

be tax implications.

"It would be a health (department) decision, regardless," Draward said.

"If they're saying it's a cigarette replacement, then, in my opinion, we've got to tax it, but we don't know that yet."

But Jodee Mason, a spokeswoman for Finance Minister Greg Dewar, said the province is not going to raise taxes on e-cigarettes.

Manitoba has among the highest tobacco tax rates in the country. At 29.5 cents per cigarette, it's almost half the price of the product.

E-cigarettes and their flavoured cartridges are subject only to the eight per cent provincial sales tax.

Products that are designed to help people stop smoking, such as nicotine patches or gum, are tax-exempt.

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E-cigarettes are taking a bite out of the province's tax revenues. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

IN BRIEF

Replacement named for judge in nude-pic scandal

A replacement has been named for a Manitoba judge who faced public scrutiny over sexually explicit photos.

The federal government has appointed Marianne Rivoalen as associate chief justice of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench.

She replaces Lori Douglas, who was investigated by the Canadian Judicial Council after her husband

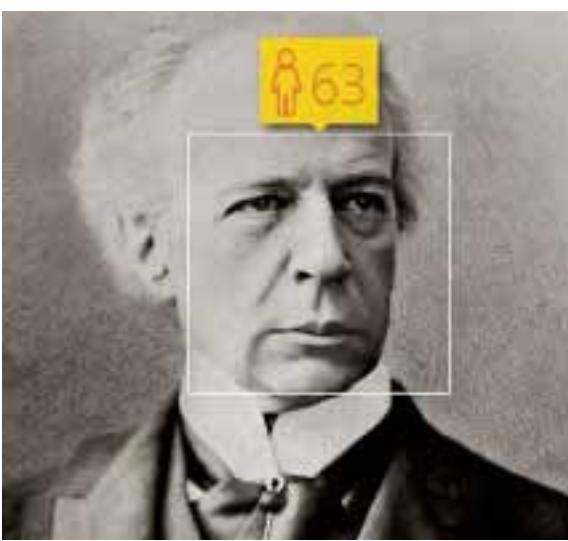
posted explicit photos of her on the Internet.

After more than two years of legal wrangling, Douglas and the council reached an agreement under which Douglas retired this month and the investigation was dropped.

Rivoalen has been a judge in the Court of Queen's Bench since 2005.

Prior to that, she was a lawyer with the federal Justice Department.

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FORMER PM HOW OLD DOES HE LOOK? A photo of ex-prime minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier after being processed through the website "How Old Do I Look." People uploading photos of their faces to the site are giving Microsoft the right to use the pictures for nearly any purpose, privacy experts say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

600 hit by immigration fraud: Police

JOB RECRUITMENT

Toronto woman faces 73 charges in alleged scheme

More than 600 people around the world fell victim to an alleged immigration fraud scheme run by a Toronto woman, who now faces 73 charges in an expanding investigation.

Toronto police announced fresh charges against Imelda "Mel" Fronda Saluma, 46, on Tuesday, saying her victims have been defrauded of over \$2.3 million.

"She did prey on people's hopes to get them over here because everybody wants to get to a better place," said Det. Const. Erwin Mendoza.

The probe into Saluma's activities began in October, after police were contacted with allegations that a large number of people had been defrauded by a Toronto-based recruiting agency dealing primarily with immigrant workers.

It was alleged that individuals, their family members and friends from other countries were recruited for jobs in Canada by the agency, identified as GoWest Jobs International. Payment was allegedly requested so that positive docu-

+ VICTIMS

"Mel" Fronda Saluma's alleged victims were based in Canada and six other countries, including the Philippines, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Most of the victims were of Filipino descent.

Anyone who thinks they may be a victim or know a victim is being asked to contact authorities.

ments, references and employment contracts could be provided to applicants, but police said those documents were fake.

An application would then allegedly be submitted to government agencies in the foreign countries on the victims' behalf.

The applicants would subsequently be denied entry to Canada due to the fraudulent documents submitted on their behalf, and the applicant would be banned from reapplying for two years, police said.

"It's pretty tough for all of the foreign applicants to come up with the applicant fees that this company was looking for," said Mendoza, adding that Saluma's agency allegedly asked for between \$1,500 to \$5,000 from its victims.

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SEX

Most Canadians can't define 'consent': Poll

An online poll commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation suggests most Canadians lack knowledge about the definition of sexual consent.

According to Canadian law, consent is the voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity, which can be withdrawn at any time.

While 96 per cent of Canadians agreed that sex should al-

ways be consensual, 67 per cent of those surveyed didn't fully understand what that means.

Only a third of the respondents identified that consent can be revoked at any time during a sexual encounter.

About one in 10 Canadians believed consent is not required, or didn't know if it's required, between spouses or long-term partners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE 'POOPETRATOR'

Landlord demands doggie doo samples

A B.C. landlord has unleashed his inner pet detective, with demands that residents who own about 30 dogs submit samples of their animal's excrement to pinpoint the "poopetrator" fouling the stairwell.

A letter to tenants of the three-storey suburban Vancouver apartment building says technology exists to identify the dog that left a mess twice

— and non-compliance will result in eviction.

DNA analysis has been available for about a year in Canada through a company called PooPrints.

Maggie Ashley, with PooPrints, says hundreds of strata councils across Canada are considering gathering the DNA of residents' dogs.

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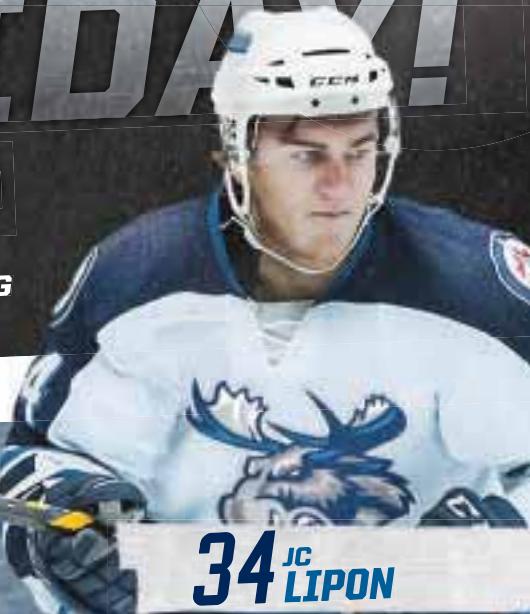
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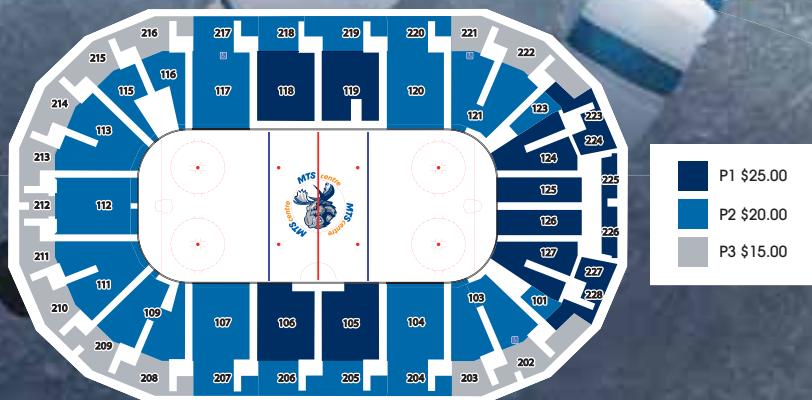
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ELECTIONS

P.E.I. a warning to old guard

A strong election showing Monday by third parties that once struggled for slivers of Prince Edward Island's vote is a warning to Tories and Liberals that generations-old political loyalties are fading, say political commentators.

History professor Ian Dowbiggin of the University of Prince Edward Island says the gains made by the NDP and the Green party, which each won about 11 per cent of the popular vote, represents a historic shift that won't be easily

erased. "When you get over 20 per cent of the total number of votes, it's got to reflect a changing of political allegiance, especially among young people," he says.

"The people who were voting yesterday for the Greens and the NDP weren't simply old hippies with pony tails voting their heart."

The Liberals won their third straight majority under rookie premier Wade MacLauchlan, dropping from 20 seats

to 18, while the Tories took eight seats and the Green party claimed its first seat in the legislature.

Dowbiggin says the Liberal win shows the electorate is comfortable with the former university president, the province's first openly gay premier.

He also says the Greens and NDP still face huge obstacles in fundraising, candidate recruitment and a first-past-the-post system that works against some parties.

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Alberta PC Party Leader Jim Prentice casts his vote in Calgary on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta's odd election season

POLITICS

Tory dynasty threatened by unprecedented dissatisfaction

April 7: Premier Jim Prentice announces in Edmonton that he has visited the lieutenant-governor to ask for a provincial election on May 5. Under Alberta law, an election wasn't supposed to be held until early 2016, but many believe Prentice hopes to take advantage of an opposition in disarray. He's running on a tough-love budget that increases taxes and runs a record \$5-billion deficit.

April 8: Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi criticizes Prentice for spending \$30 million to hold an early election after refusing weeks earlier to restore \$200,000 in funding for more child death investigations.

April 13: Prentice acknowledges the level of public anger

being directed at his party. "We will not make the mistakes of the past."

April 19: NDP Leader Rachel Notley takes a page from former Tory premier Peter Lougheed as she unveils her party's election campaign platform in Edmonton. Notley says corporations that did well during the boom should be expected to shoulder more of the burden during lean times.

April 23: In a flinty televised debate, Prentice trades barbs with Notley and literally turns his back on Wildrose Leader Brian Jean. The highlight comes when Prentice incorrectly says the NDP want to raise Alberta's 10 per cent corporate tax rate to 20 per cent instead of the 12 per cent outlined in the NDP budget plan. He mock commiserates with Notley that "math is difficult" as she tries to set the record straight.

April 24: Prentice dismisses the possibility of the political left surging to power, saying Alberta is "not an NDP province." Notley says "Albertans will decide what sort of province Alberta is."

April 25: Alberta's justice minister steps down. Prentice says he learned that "legal proceedings have commenced between Jonathan Denis and his estranged wife." Prentice says he still has faith in Denis as a PC candidate.

April 28: Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann tells a crowd at a seniors centre that if people can't vote Liberal, they should cast their ballot for someone other than the Tories. "After 44 years, they need to be kicked out," he says. "At the very least we need a stronger opposition."

May 4: The day before the vote, the PCs are forced to address lurid allegations surrounding Denis' failed marriage. A judge lifted a ban that had kept from the public allegations that Denis kneed his estranged wife, Breanna Palmer, in the face, tampered with her car's brakes and threw temper tantrums while their marriage fell apart earlier in the year.

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Canadian Second World War navy veteran Bert Reynolds, 88, of Penetanguishene, Ont., kisses six-month-old Siem Henken, held by his father during VE-Day celebrations on Tuesday in Wageningen, Netherlands. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remembering: 70 years after WWII

CEREMONY

Canadian veterans honoured in Netherlands

It was 70 years ago Tuesday that the guns fell nearly silent along the Canadian and British lines in Holland.

The war in northwestern Europe was almost over and Pte. Frank Graham, who'd fought with the Canadian 1st Division all through Sicily, Italy and Holland, found himself thunderstruck.

"When I heard they'd given up, I thought, 'no they don't,'" said Graham, 92.

The BBC announced the ceasefire the night before, on May 4, 1945, yet Graham said he'd been disappointed by rumours before.

Seven decades on, Graham was part of a sentimental parade of veterans who rolled past a reviewing stand in vintage army vehicles outside of the hotel where the capitulation was made official.

As was evident on their faces, it was a bittersweet moment for the old soldiers in this tranquil, leafy town as they mingled with actors dressed in the uniforms they used to wear and rode in trucks and jeeps they had once driven.

Heavy thunder threatened Tuesday's parade and even cancelled a photo opportunity Prime Minister Stephen Harper had planned with the veterans.

It was far cry from the breezy, cold day in 1945 when Col.-Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz, com-

mander of all German forces in the Netherlands and Denmark, showed up at the wrecked Hotel de Wereld.

Canadian Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes accepted the surrender in a simple ceremony, which was to be followed two days later by the more formal unconditional surrender of all

German forces accepted by Allied supreme commander U.S. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower at Reims, France.

Despite the general ceasefire on May 5, 1945 in the Canadian sector, troops continued to die for at least three more days, said Canadian War Museum historian Jeff Noakes.

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Freedom would not be as we know it today without you.

Gen. Tom Middendorp, the Dutch chief of defence

COURT

Omar Khadr's bail remains in limbo

Any hopes Omar Khadr had of tasting freedom for the first time in almost 13 years were dashed Tuesday when an Alberta justice said she wanted more time to consider whether he should be released on bail.

Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby said she would decide Thursday whether to grant the federal government's request to keep him behind bars despite a lower court order that he be freed. Khadr showed little emotion as he was led from court,

but one of his lawyers, Dennis Edney, was disappointed with the decision.

At issue is an April 24 order from Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross that Khadr, 28, should be given bail pending his appeal of his war crimes conviction in the United States.

Khadr was due for release as early as Tuesday under Ross's order and Edney had arrived with a bag of clothes, fully prepared to take Khadr home.

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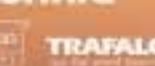
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Bring in feds to reform Baltimore police: Critics

U.S.

LAPD was improved after 1992 riots, says law school dean

Months before a young black man died of the broken neck he suffered during what Baltimore's top prosecutor called an illegal arrest, the city's mayor and police commissioner said the department needed reform and asked the U.S. Justice Department for help reviewing officer misconduct.

Now that Freddie Gray is buried, six officers are charged in his death and an uneasy calm has returned to the streets, critics are wondering whether city leaders are capable of implementing the change the city needs without the direct, intensive oversight that comes with a full-fledged civil rights investigation resulting



U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, left, shakes hands with Baltimore police officers during a visit to the Central District of Baltimore Police Department on Tuesday.

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BACKGROUND

What is a consent decree?

A consent decree is a form of negotiated settlement with the Justice Department that averts a civil-rights lawsuit. Police departments agree to implement a series of reforms under the watch of an independent monitor.

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in a federal consent decree.

Democratic Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has already pushed back against this possibility, saying it would deprive Baltimore's leaders from having a say in fighting crime in one of the nation's most violent major cities, with more than 200 homicides a year.

"Nobody wants the Depart-

ment of Justice to come and take over our city," she said last week.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch was in Baltimore on Tuesday to meet with Gray's family and faith leaders. Justice Department officials accompanying her included the head of the civil rights division, Vanita Gupta.

Baltimore's leaders should welcome federal oversight, be-

cause it's doubtful any police department can fix itself from within, said Erwin Chemerinsky, the dean of the University of California-Irvine School of Law.

Consent decrees have been mostly effective since Congress responded to the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles by granting the Justice Department the power in 1994 to sue police de-

partments for civil rights violations. Los Angeles went through it, and proved that it works, said Chemerinsky, who has studied reform efforts there.

"I think that there is less likelihood of excessive force today, less racist policing today in Los Angeles, than prior to the consent decree," he said.

The Justice Department has negotiated settlements with 21 other police departments since then; Seattle and New Orleans are currently under consent decrees, and Cleveland's police department is negotiating one.

Justice officials are also negotiating with the department in Ferguson, Missouri, where an officer's shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown sparked a national debate about use of force by police against blacks. The federal civil rights investigation in Ferguson found patterns of racial bias and discriminatory law enforcement tactics.

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Federal consent decrees also create new challenges. It can take more than a decade for police departments to satisfy their requirements, and meanwhile, expenses add up: It can cost tens of millions of dollars to retrain officers, hire new ones and modify use-of-force policies.

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CLEVELAND

Killer cop faces 22 years

A patrolman charged in the deaths of two unarmed people in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire acted unreasonably when he stood on the hood of their car and fired into the windshield when they were no longer a threat, prosecutors said Tuesday in closing arguments.

Michael Brelo, 31, faces a maximum sentence of 22 years in prison if convicted on two counts of voluntary manslaughter in the deaths of driver Timothy Russell and passenger Malissa Williams. The judge who is deciding Brelo's case has said he likely will not deliver a verdict before May 15.

The chase began after an officer standing outside police headquarters in downtown Cleveland mistakenly thought that someone had fired a gun when it sped by. Experts later concluded Russell's car had backfired.

More than 100 officers in 62 police cars were involved in the chase, which stretched over 35 km and reached speeds of 160 km/h. Thirteen officers fired a total of 137 rounds at the car that night but only Brelo was charged criminally.

Brelo, who did not testify at trial, told investigators more than a week after the shooting that he did not remember standing on the hood of the suspect's car. An officer who was a rookie in 2012 told investigators and testified at trial that Brelo said he stood on the hood hours after the shooting.

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BRITISH ELECTION

Politicians in mad dash to convert the undecided

Britain's political leaders crisscrossed the country Tuesday in a frenetic last dash to convert undecided voters, with less than 48 hours to go until an election likely to produce no outright winner.

Polls put the Conservatives and Labour neck-and-neck, with neither on course for a majority in Parliament.

That means Thursday's vote will likely trigger a period of negotiations with smaller parties before a new government emerges.

Neither big party wanted to discuss that option Tuesday, with both claiming they were aiming to win.

Prime Minister David Cameron told supporters at a suburban London garden centre that momentum was behind the Conservatives.

"People can see in the end it is all about the economy and



UK Independence Party Leader Nigel Farage, centre right, canvasses for support during a walkabout Tuesday in Sandwich, England. GARETH FULLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

keeping the economy moving forward, and that's what we offer and that's the argument we're making in this closing stage," Cameron said.

"Lots of people are undecided and it's those that we need

to convince in the closing hours," he said as he began a 36-hour journey across Britain.

The audience applauded, but Cameron was heckled by a Scottish man who said: "I'm feeling racism from you guys

in your party," objecting to Tory claims about the threat posed by the separatist Scottish National Party.

Labour's Ed Miliband said voters faced a choice "between a Labour government that will

“People can see in the end it is all about the economy moving forward.”

Conservative Leader David Cameron

put working people first or a Tory government that will only ever work for the privileged few."

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg said Cameron and Miliband were kidding themselves, and only his party could prevent a period of "messy, unstable minority government."

"The last thing Britain needs is a second election before Christmas," Clegg said as he embarked on a 1,600-kilometre bus tour from Land's End in England's far southwest to the northern tip of Scotland.

Clegg hopes to play kingmaker, but his party looks set to be punished by voters after five years in coalition government with the Conservatives. They could lose half of their 59 seats.

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ROYALTY Queen meets Princess Charlotte

The Queen visited Kensington Palace to meet three-day-old Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana.

The daughter of Prince William and his wife Kate is the Queen's great-granddaughter.

The latest addition to the Royal Family is now fourth in line for the throne after Prince Charles, William and her older brother, 21-month-old Prince George.

Her middle name was chosen to honour the Queen and her third name pays tribute to Diana, the late Princess of Wales. The name Charlotte is the feminine form of Charles and is seen as a gesture toward her grandfather.

The royal couple Tuesday registered Charlotte's birth with officials who came to Kensington Palace.

William listed his occupation as "Prince of the United Kingdom" and Kate as "Princess."

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MUDSLIDE

Police recover 60 bodies

Emergency workers have recovered the bodies of 60 people — including nine foreigners — who were killed when Nepal's earthquake triggered a mudslide that buried a village in the scenic Langtang Valley popular with tourists.

Residents of the village, also called Langtang, said Tuesday that as many as 200 people could have been killed by tons of earth and mud unleashed in the devastating April 25 quake.

"The entire village was wiped out by the mudslide. There were some 60 houses there, but they were all buried under rubble. It will be impossible to recover all the bodies," said Gautam Rimal, the top government official in the Rasuwa district.

The Langtang Valley, about 60 kilometres north of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, is now about a two-day hike from the nearest town because the landslide has blocked nearby roads.

While helicopters allow easy access, they remain in short supply because of aid missions across parts of Nepal.

The April 25 earthquake killed more than 7,500 people and injured more than 14,000 as it flattened mountain villages and destroyed buildings and archaeological sites in Kathmandu.

Authorities say up to one-third of Kathmandu's residents have left since the quake. In the first days, bus stations were jammed with people fearing aftershocks or trying to get home to relatives in devastated villages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Video shows migrants fleeing stricken dinghy

MEDITERRANEAN

Several feared drowned, as many travellers cannot swim

Young men piled over each other, some shimmying up ropes dangling from the towering rescue ship and others falling into the churning sea. Women and children were the last off the stricken dinghy during a chaotic Mediterranean rescue in which at least five migrants died and more were feared drowned.

Dramatic footage shot by a seaman aboard the Maltese freighter showed the weekend rescue of more than 100 West Africans aboard the flimsy boat off the coast of Libya. Survivors were brought Tuesday to the Sicilian port of Catania.

The video highlights the danger of marine rescue, where safety and tragedy too often lie just moments apart. With tens of thousands trying to cross the sea on small boats launched by human traffickers from Libya — and hundreds dying in the attempt — the question of how best to save migrants from drowning has taken centre stage in Europe.

Crew members interviewed by The Associated Press said everyone aboard the cargo ship Zeran had undergone rescue training. But while a previous rescue several weeks ago hap-



Dramatic footage emerged Tuesday showing a Mediterranean Sea rescue of migrants on a sinking rubber boat. The migrants desperately clamber up ropes and a ladder from the cargo ship Zeran that came to their aid in the sea between Libya and Sicily on Sunday. Five bodies were recovered and brought ashore Tuesday along with the survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pened calmly without any loss of life, on Sunday elation at the prospect of being saved quickly turned to panic.

Unaware that they would be thrown a ladder, frantic migrants trampled over one another to reach the ropes that were meant to hold it in place, with some dangling precariously as they clambered along the lines to reach the tall freighter.

Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves, but the people started falling in the water.

Astoy Fall Dia, 24, a migrant from Senegal

Some jumped or fell overboard to catch lifesavers tossed into the water by crew members. Others emptied jerry cans of gasoline

to use as floats, as the dinghy — already deflated at the front — began taking in water.

"Easy! Easy!" implored a crew member from Zeran's deck.

"There was the big ship there, and they threw down ropes," Astoy Fall Dia, a 24 year-old migrant from Senegal, told The Associated Press after disembarking from the cargo ship.

"Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves but the people started falling in the water."

Dia said she survived because she stayed close to the dinghy and because she knew how to swim — unlike most of the migrants who come from poor African countries.

Five bodies were recovered from inside the dinghy, floating amid garbage and water that had seeped in, though it wasn't clear if they died in the final rush to be rescued, as one crew member maintained, or during the crossing.

At least another five to nine people fell into the water and drowned, said the seaman who shot the video, though one man floating away with the current and clinging to a lifesaver was rescued by crew on a Zeran lifeboat.

The seaman and other crew members spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

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CINCO DE MAYO BATTLE OF PUEBLA Residents in costume reenact the Battle of Puebla during Cinco de Mayo celebrations in Mexico City, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IMPROVED RELATIONS

First U.S.-Cuba ferry in decades

The Obama administration approved the first ferry service in decades between the United States and Cuba on Tuesday, potentially opening a new path for the hundreds of thousands

of people and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods that travel between Florida and Havana each year.

Baja Ferries, which operates passenger service in Mexico,

said it received a licence from the U.S. Treasury Department. Robert Muse, a lawyer for Baja Ferries, said he believed other ferry petitions had also been approved. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California misses its drought target

WATER

Governor's conservation goal wasn't met in March

Californians conserved little water in March and local officials were not aggressive in cracking down on waste, state regulators reported Tuesday, saying residents and communities again fell short of Gov. Jerry Brown's voluntary water savings target.

The State Water Resources Control Board received the update as it considers sweeping mandatory emergency drought regulations to protect water supplies in the parched state.

Brown has argued that the voluntary targets were insufficient and that Californians needed a jolt to take conservation seriously.

A survey of local water departments released at the start of the two-day meeting

shows water use fell less than four per cent in March, compared to figures from the same month in 2013.

Overall savings have been only about nine per cent since last summer, even though Brown set a voluntary 20 per cent target.

Lush lawns and verdant landscapes are first on the chopping block under the rules being considered, which would bar cities from using drinking-quality water on street median grass and encourage homeowners to let lawns go brown to meet local mandatory water reduction targets.

Those conservation targets are among the most contentious provisions of the proposed rules.

The board plans to order each city to cut water use by as much as 36 per cent compared to 2013, the year before the governor declared a drought emergency.

The regulations before the board would also ban new

4%

The amount water use fell in March in California compared with the same month in 2013. Overall savings have been only 9% since last summer.

California homes and buildings from watering lawns unless they meet new efficiency standards.

With public comments, a vote on the rules might not come until Wednesday.

The board has already adopted other water restrictions: Californians cannot water lawns two days after rainfall, wash cars with hoses that don't shut off or hose down pavement, hotels must offer guests a chance to reuse sheets and towels, and restaurants can only serve water upon a customer's request, not automatically.

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Le Pen fights for political survival in family feud

FRANCE

Far-right party co-founder pushed out by his daughter

Little by little, the president of France's far-right National Front and top lieutenants have tried to silence the party founder, pushing him from the inner circle, refusing to back him in elections and now, in the culmination of an ugly political dispute that began as a family feud, suspending his membership.

But the 86-year-old Jean-Marie Le Pen, a disruptive force in French politics for decades, is refusing to disappear. He said Tuesday he is ashamed his daughter, party chief Marine Le Pen, bears his name.

"Get married. That would allow you to change your name. It would ease my conscience," was his message to his daughter 12 hours after the party's executive bureau suspended him for repeating anti-Semitic comments for which he was once convicted.

The very public father-daughter dispute has escalated into a



Jean-Marie Le Pen, right, said he's ashamed that his daughter, party chief Marine Le Pen, bears his name. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



political drama that reflects a new era for the National Front, which sees itself as France's leading party, and the slow demise of the man who created it and grew it into a feared political force and kingmaker in French elections.

The anti-immigration National Front, co-founded by Jean-Marie Le Pen in 1972 under the banner "French first," has been setting the political tone for decades, forcing the themes of security and immigration onto

the agendas of mainstream political leaders. Le Pen reached the final round in 2002 presidential elections, shocking the world.

Now, daughter Marine Le Pen wants to win in 2017. She is modernizing the party, pushing out old-guard followers of her father and banning any reference to anti-Semitism.

The latest flap came after Jean-Marie Le Pen repeated that Nazi gas chambers were a "detail" in the history of the Second World War and praised Philippe Pétain, head of France's Vichy government, which collaborated with the Nazis.

Still, Marine Le Pen rails against the "Islamization"

of France and echoes other themes dear to her father.

"This signals a change of generations," far-right expert Jean-Yves Camus said in a telephone interview. "The basic program remains absolutely identical to what it always was."

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the last French politician of his generation still active, could lose his cherished title of honorary president for life, conferred at a 2010 party congress in which he anointed his daughter as his successor. Within three months, the party will sound out its members on stripping it from him. Le Pen cannot be removed from his seat in the European Parliament.

Last month, he was pressed

into giving up his plans to run in regional elections in December in southern France, where he is a popular figure.

His 25-year-old granddaughter, Marion Maréchal-Le Pen, one of two party lawmakers who side with the elder Le Pen's conservative stance, stepped in to replace him. But in a measure of the turmoil, she said on Tuesday that she had done so as a peacemaker and now was reconsidering her candidacy.

"I don't want to be taken hostage by Jean-Marie Le Pen," she said.

There is no measure to exclude Le Pen forever from the party, which some say would be unthinkable.

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DIPLOMACY

Kerry visits Somalia

Two decades after dead American soldiers were dragged through the streets of Mogadishu, John Kerry on Tuesday became the first secretary of state to set foot in Somalia, a symbolic visit to show support for the African nation's fledgling government and the United States' readiness to move past a dark chapter in its history.

But as Kerry vowed to deepen America's partnership with a new cadre of Somali leaders, the fact that he never left the airport underscored just how dangerous and unstable Somalia remains after a quarter-century of civil war.

Before returning to Kenya, the top U.S. diplomat stayed a little more than three hours, meeting with Somalia's president and prime minister and several regional chiefs and civil-society groups. It was enough time, he said, to see the resiliency of a people determined to reclaim their future from the terrorists and militias that plunged Somalia into what had seemed an endless cycle of conflict. He promised American help along the path of recovery.

"More than 20 years ago, the United States was forced to pull back from your country," Kerry said, invoking the "Black Hawk Down" debacle when 18 servicemen died after Somali militiamen shot down two U.S. helicopters and a subsequent rescue mission failed. "Now we are returning."

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Producing power at home should be worth our while

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford



On Thursday, Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk announced the company's latest foray into renewable-energy technology: the Tesla Powerwall, a wall-mounted battery for homes or businesses to store energy for later use.

This could be the beginning of a new energy future for Canada and the world. And at about \$3,000-\$3,500 US for a Powerwall, plus wiring and installation, they're attainable for many homeowners. The batteries can be recycled using Tesla's program for its existing electric vehicle batteries. Canadian firm NRStor plans to start selling Powerwalls in Canada in 2016.

Canadian policy-makers and energy utilities need to harness the green-power generation and storage potential of Canadian households by

giving middle-class Canadians incentives, such as tax credits and feed-in tariffs, to produce and store green energy. The cost of solar panels has dropped a hundredfold since 1977, with wind and other renewables following suit, making household energy harvesting increasingly appealing to Canadians who want to live green while reducing their costs.

"The decentralization of energy is where the future is going," says Jesika Briones, business development manager at the Advanced Energy Centre.

Currently there are lots of limitations on Canadians who want to generate their own electricity. Canada has put tariffs on Chinese solar panels, making them more expensive and harder to import. B.C., Quebec and other provinces allow net metering (when property owners provide the grid with home-generated renewable energy, in exchange for a reduced bill). Only On-

Tario actually pays people who feed the grid.

That incentive encourages people to generate as much green energy as they can, because they'll get paid for it. A country of green energy-generating households could power industry and public facilities without as much need for fossil fuels. In 2012, fossil fuels still made up 74 per cent of Canada's energy consumption, the World Bank says.

A home battery system is "the missing piece," as Tesla calls it, to our green future. It will let households buy from the grid at off-peak hours when it's least expensive and sell to the grid at peak hours when it's most needed. Versions of this arrangement are already in place in Germany and some American states.

According to a 2013 National Academy of Sciences study of electric vehicle batteries, when you use renewable electricity to charge them, the results are still better for the environment than fossil fuels.

"Combined with solar PV (photovoltaics, a solar-energy technology), Tesla has made energy independence not only more accessible but also more desirable," Briones said.

A home battery, Tesla says, is the missing piece to our green future.

The new energy market would create jobs and opportunities for Canadian companies to innovate. A few, like electronics maker Eguana Technologies and green-battery company Electrovaya, are already on the forefront. But we need more incentives before household green-power generation and storage can go viral.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

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A Kardashian selfie book: give the people what they want

There's a lot of blustering in the media about Kim Kardashian's already bestselling book and plenty of feigned surprise at its popularity.

But that just shows how often the media speaks from the pulpit and not the crowd.

Kardashian's new book of selfies, *Selfish*, has caused so much wheezing on narcissism that holier-than-thou writers must be hoarse by now.

They're wasting their breath. Kardashian is only an expert manipulator of the fame our society gleefully hands her.

Hundreds of fans camped outside a New York bookstore Tuesday — including two 21-year-old women who drove all the way from Washington — to get an autograph scrawled across this photographic memoir of parties, workouts and nudes.

Meanwhile, the media has lined up to gawk at *Selfish*'s hubris, a reaction notably absent to Chloë Sevigny's recent photography book, called *Chloë Sevigny*, featuring photos of her and released by the same publisher.

In his review, the *Guardian*'s critic revelled in describing Kardashian's "carnal fullness" and "curvaceous flesh."

Jonathan Jones deemed it "guilt-free looking" and he equated *Selfish* to the end of photography as art.

"*Selfish* is the final grave marker of that aesthetic delusion," Jones wrote.

At least he defended

celebrity selfies. They give "an illusion of intimacy that is priceless in an age that cherishes authenticity."

Others, distressed by her fame, have gone straight for Kardashian's jugular. As the *Toronto Star*'s Vinay Menon wrote: "This is a woman with Type V blood, as in vanity."

Menon mocked her lack of talent and her use of the word "skank" in her earlier attempt at writing, in the novel *Dollhouse*.

"I have no answers today, people," he wrote in the voice of a doomsday preacher. "Just an unsettling, irrational feeling that soon, very soon, the skanks will be coming for all of us."

Well now, that doesn't sound so bad. But come on, branding her a "skank" is not a very sophisticated take on the sex appeal that drives her fame. It's a sexist slur that paints all cleavage selfies with the same skank brush.

It also accuses Kardashian of somehow hoodwinking 31.5 million Instagram followers into loving her. She's only feeding our own hunger for titillation. She's unapologetic about flaunting her body, and I can respect that.

"Look at my boobies! Look at my butt!" John McMurtrie wrote in a mock-Kardashian voice in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

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CHRISTOPHER LLOYD

Actor talks perks of indies ahead of new film, Back to the Future anniversary

Steve Gow
Metro | Life

It's a big year for character actor Christopher Lloyd. After all, a film he made decades ago is having a rebirth of sorts. With the 30th anniversary of *Back to the Future* approaching this fall, there are a number of celebrations, documentaries and tributes planned.

"I don't keep up that well with it. I don't keep up that well with anything," laughed the 76-year-old star recently. "(But) films don't usually have that, so I'm embracing it."

And so he should be. After all, the 1985 time-travel comedy that spawned two hit sequels was not only a success in its day, but it also has only seemed to gather more fans as the years advanced. In fact, *Family Guy* creator Seth McFarlane was such an admirer he asked Lloyd to make a cameo appearance as his "Doc" Brown character in last year's hit comedy *A Million Ways to Die in the West*.

"So many people have come up to me and said they grew up with *Back to the Future*; that it shaped their lives to the extent that they chose to be an engineer or a physicist or something along those lines because of the effect of the films," admitted Lloyd. "It feels good to be part of something that's meant so much to so many people."

Indeed, with Doc Brown, the comedy's excitable, white-haired inventor,



Christopher Lloyd and director April Mullen on the set of the Canadian-made crime thriller 88. CONTRIBUTED

Lloyd has crafted one of cinema's most iconic figures. So unquestionably, he must be looking forward to "participating in some of these events" to celebrate it. First, however, he is just as eager to discuss his unlikely casting in the Canadian-made crime thriller 88.

"Here was a guy that nobody has given me an opportunity to be so I just jumped on it," explained Lloyd of the film in which he plays a crime boss at the centre of one woman's quest

to score revenge for her lover's death.

"Whether it's a dramatic role, farce or comedy or melodrama, I have the same task — to make the character real so when the audience sees me, they understand and relate," said Lloyd of 88's seedy strip-club character. "That's kind of what I do regardless of the type of character it is."

While that range has assured Lloyd of an endearing on-screen longevity in Hollywood ever since his debut in 1975's classic *One Flew Over the*

Cuckoo's Nest, the veteran actor now insists he looks forward as much to the freedom that comes with making indie projects like 88 as he does blockbuster hits like *Back to the Future*.

"It's nice getting away from Hollywood," admitted Lloyd. "You do a film in Hollywood and men in suits are hovering; they're there second-guessing you and it's good to get away, be independent and feel relaxed." 88 screens across Canada on Wednesday as part of Canadian Indie Film Series.

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HIS FAVE ROLES

Over four decades, Christopher Lloyd has starred in more than 100 films and series. We reflect on just three of his most famous roles:

The Addams Family (Uncle Fester):



"At first I didn't see how it could be because I'm kind of tall, I'm kind of slim and Fester's a sight gag," recalled Lloyd. "If I'm channel-surfing and one of *The Addams Family* films comes up, I don't move any further — I just sit there and enjoy it."

Back to the Future ("Doc" Brown):

"I loved his excitement about discovery. Doc

Brown has got a head that is constantly coming out with new ways to do things," said Lloyd. "He fell down in his bathroom one day and hit his head on the toilet seat and, bang — he (invents) the flux capacitor. That's so cool!"

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Taber):



"It was my first film," said Lloyd. "Jack Nicholson was a big idol of mine before *Cuckoo's Nest* from his previous work (and) I couldn't believe it. It was just a momentous moment in my life."

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Miley's badass attitude all a part of her master plan

LGBT FOUNDATION

While you're ogling her, Cyrus is going to 'totally hustle you'

When Miley Cyrus wears pasties or posts photos of her pink armpits, it's not to be a provocateur. The 22-year-old says she's just being herself, and she wants all young people to have that same opportunity.

That's why she's launching the Happy Hippie Foundation to help homeless and LGBT youth, adding that not all her past relationships were "straight, heterosexual" ones. Cyrus didn't elaborate.

"The position I'm in, I feel like I've got a lot of power," she said in a Monday phone interview. "But so many kids don't



Posting pics of her pink armpits isn't just to be scandalous, says Cyrus. INSTAGRAM

feel that way. They're under their parents' rule."

Cyrus, who famously asked a homeless man to accept her Video of the Year trophy at the 2014 Video Music Awards, said she was inspired by the attention generated by that gesture.

And she was further moved by the suicide of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn in December. More than 1.6 million young people are homeless in the United States, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Cyrus said 40 per cent identify themselves as LGBT.

An entertainer since age 14, she wants to use her fame for good. "When you have all eyes on you, what are you saying? And that's what I had to ask myself a lot," she said.

"It's like, I know you're going to look at me more if my (breasts) are out, so look at me. And then I'm going to tell you about my foundation for an hour and totally hustle you."

Cyrus is passionate about a lot of issues, from climate change to animal welfare, but said she chose to focus on youth homelessness because it's specific and tangible.

Funds raised by Happy Hippie will create digital support groups for LGBT youth and their families. The foundation is also aiding My Friend's Place, a centre for homeless youth in Hollywood.

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EMOJI UPDATES: FAMILY FEUD

Now Microsoft lets you flip the bird

Are you actually LOLing? Send that laughing while crying emoji. Feeling sassy? "Information desk" is your girl. So full of hate that the red-faced emoji just won't cut it? Hello, middle finger.

Said to be the first of its kind, Microsoft has bravely released the icon as part of its Windows 10 update, launching sometime mid 2015. METRO



More trouble with the Jacksons

Michael Jackson's oldest kids, Paris and Prince, are reportedly no longer speaking with each other, according to Radar Online. "Paris is barely even speaking to her older brother Prince," a source says. "She cannot tolerate her brother and says that he is disgracing their father's legacy" since turning 18 and inheriting a massive fortune. Prince, it seems, has been acting out, and "this type of behaviour does not fly," with Paris.

NED EHRBAR/METRO

IN MEMORIAM

Gosling raises spoon to cereal video creator

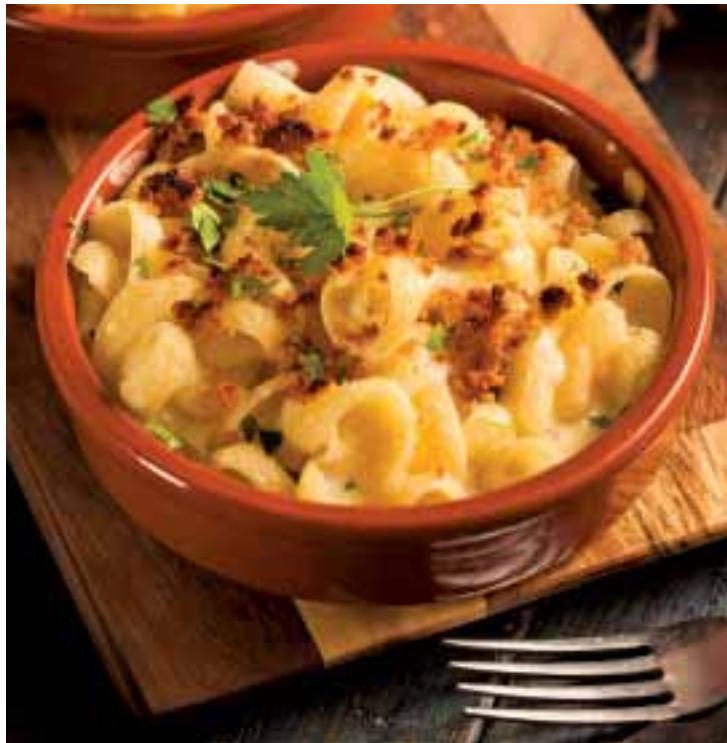
Ryan Gosling isn't necessarily a fan of the myriad Internet memes devoted to him, but the guy's not made of stone, OK? When he got word that Ryan McHenry, the Vine user who popularized the bizarre Ryan Gosling Won't Eat his Cereal videos, had passed away this week after a two-year battle with cancer, Gosling sprung into action, posting his own Vine featuring him finally — finally! — eating some cereal. "My heart goes out to all of



Ryan Gosling VINE SCREENGRAB

Ryan McHenry's family and friends, "Gosling tweeted. "Feel very lucky to have been a part of his life in some small way." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Comfort food with a crust



Macaroni and cheese gets a healthy overhaul made with a base of cauliflower, spinach or tomatoes. ISTOCK

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert
myfriendinfood.com



Last year it was grilled cheese; this year it's mac and cheese getting the red carpet overhaul.

A Mac & Cheese Festival coming up next month in Toronto promises to bring together "savvy cooks and food entrepreneurs" in order to reinvent this comfort food.

Most cooks seem to take a "go big or go home" approach to the dish — adding white chocolate, for instance, or combining it with a pot of chili.

I'm not a huge fan of messing with a classic by mixing in miscellany, but there is so much fun you can have adding a crust.

Keep the full-fat, sharp cheese taste in the traditional homemade re-

cipes (or cheat with boxed product) but add a veggie bottom. Here are a few bottoms to try:

Cauli Crust

- Grate 2 cups steamed cauliflower into a bowl, stir in a beaten egg and 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese and press into casserole dish.
- Bake until it forms a crispy crust and then top with cooked mac and cheese to warm together.

Go Greek

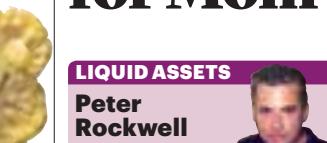
- Mix together 3 cups of thawed frozen spinach, 1 tbsp oregano, 2 cloves of garlic, 1 cup crumbled feta. Press into casserole dish and top with mac and cheese and bake until heated through.

Kiss it Italian

- Slice 3 or 4 ripe tomatoes into thick slices and lay into casserole dish.
- Place a handful of basil into the pan, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and top with cooked mac and cheese. Bake to heat through. Invert onto a platter.

Nothing says love like a creamy casserole, but it doesn't have to be all fatty carbs all the time!

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LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell
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While the majority of wine-makers I know would prefer to see their creations enjoyed without any alien additions, inspired wine cocktails are a respectable part of the European restaurant scene, especially in Italy, where palate-enhancing drinks are quaffed prior to dinner or over brunch.

Those looking for a beverage to pamper mom this Mother's Day should try The Spritz, a bright orange beverage from the northeastern region of Veneto.

In a large wine glass, add a shot of Aperol liqueur (\$19.49 to \$27.29) to a helping of bubbly prosecco; top it off with a little sparkling water and add an orange wedge as a garnish.

Refreshing, citrusy and lightly bitter, it's a liquid union that looks as good as it tastes.



TREND

Hot sauce emporium has NYC hipsters feeling a little warm

This week Heatonist, a hot sauce emporium with a tasting counter that kickstarted in February, quietly opened its tasting room in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

There are more than 70 sauces to try: The store will eventually carry more than 100 varieties made all over the world (yes, even some with the new king of heat, the Carolina Reaper), from Japan to South Africa.

But it doesn't serve food or drinks (though pairing dinners and cookouts are planned), so taste responsibly.

Before we made a grab for the hottest thing to slather on our next meal, owner and hot sauce sommelier Noah Chaimberg laid some knowledge on us.

Is heat just heat?

There are definitely certain categories of ingredients that pair well with different foods and less well with others.

Is there a house blend?

Our different sauce makers from around the world are sending us pepper seeds, so we're going to be growing them here in the garden. When we have our first harvest, we'll try our hand at making hot sauce.

Are peppers the only way to get heat?

When we think about wasabi, horseradish, mustard, ginger, these have a lot of spiciness to them, but it's different from the capsaicin that we get from chili peppers.

When you think about wasabi in particular, when you feel the spiciness in your sinuses, that's because the spice molecules are much smaller than the capsaicin, so they float up from your mouth and into your sinus, whereas capsaicin is a bigger molecule, heavier, so it stays down and burns your tongue.

What should you do if a sauce is too spicy?

People will often reach for milk — dairy has a protein called casein that is sort of a cure for the capsaicin, and it tends to be the higher the fat content, the better it works.

So a lot of people have whipped cream on hand; some people use cream cheese.

We don't have any whipped cream on hand, so just feel the heat and let it resonate for a minute.

EVA KIS/METRO NEW YORK

PERFECT PAIRS

We asked Noah Chaimberg what to put on some popular dishes.

Avocado toast

"You want something with a little bit of sweetness and spice on the avocado toast that's really fresh and good for the morning," he says. "We have a serrano, ginger, lemon-grass hot sauce."



Ramen

"I like to use a vinegar-based sauce, and for that I'd probably reach for the Heirloom Hot Sauce with chiltepin pepper."



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Trains, crowns and sheer nerve

MET GALA FASHION

China-themed ball brings out the best and the barely dressed

Never let it be said that Rihanna doesn't know how to make an entrance.

On a night when big stars were a dime a dozen — try George and Amal Clooney, Lady Gaga, Madonna and Cher — the pop singer still managed to steal the show and conquer the red carpet at the Met Gala when she swooped in wearing a fur-trimmed yellow cape with floral swirls of gold and a train so long it required three wranglers.

The ensemble came with a little pink minidress underneath, and a sparkling tiara. In keeping with the evening's theme — China, and its artistic influence on the West — the outfit was designed by Beijing-based designer Guo Pei, whose sumptuous designs are on display in the



RED HOT MAMA

Flame has gone to her head

Sarah Jessica Parker appeared in a towering red headpiece that resembled fiery flames. Designed by Philip Treacy, the headpiece bore long red tassels on each side. Parker paired the piece with a one-shoulder black gown embellished with sashes composed of pieces of vintage fabric and beads from Sweden — a collaboration with H&M and the company's Conscious Collection, which focuses on sustainable fabrics.



current Met exhibit, *China: Through the Looking Glass*.

As befitting a star — or fashion royalty — Rihanna commanded premium attention on the carpet by being one of the very last to arrive. But compared to Beyoncé, she was an early bird.

Beyoncé and her husband, Jay Z, arrived so late

Trains, ruby reds and sheer gowns ruled the red carpet. Zendaya in Fausto Puglisi, left, and Jennifer Lopez in Versace, right.



that many photographers were giving up and leaving. She was highly photogenic, though, in a sheer, bejeweled Givenchy Haute Couture gown by Riccardo Tisci.

Deep, ruby reds, shimmering golds and other jewel tones dominated the colour scheme as the multitudes of invited celebrities embraced this year's China inspiration. There were sequins aplenty, and embroidery was everywhere.

One of the first to arrive was the gala's longtime head, Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who shimmered in an orange-and-red floral couture gown from Chanel.

She was followed by a succession of stars of film, music, fashion, TV and sports unrivaled anywhere but perhaps the Oscars.



Katy Perry wore Moschino and sported a new Kris Jenner-inspired pixie cut.

One of the world's most watched women, Amal Clooney, arrived on her husband's arm in a tiered ruby-red gown by John Galliano.

Jennifer Lopez bared a lot more skin — actually, more than most, in a red Versace gown with sheer side panels.

Kim Kardashian opted for sheer, too, in a white gown with a feathery train

by Peter Dundas for Roberto Cavalli, the designer's first for the house. Little sister Kendall Jenner opted for Calvin Klein, sparkling in green with sexy laces on each side. And

Justin Bieber showed up in a black jacket slithering with gold dragons, by Balmain.

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Solange brought the drama to this year's gala in the form of a Giles mini-dress.

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A regal Rihanna, left.

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Of all the beverage containers that weren't recycled, how many were yours?



Your essential daily news

Chrysler is preparing a plug-in hybrid version of the successor to its Town & Country minivan.



Canyon is smaller but mighty



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 GMC CANYON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact pickup
Engine (hp). 2.4-litre I4 (200), 3.6-litre V6 (305)
Transmissions. Six-speed manual (I4); six-speed automatic (I4, V6)
Price. Base \$20,600, as-tested \$39,930 (plus destination)

POINTS

- The rear seat cushions flip up to reveal hidden storage cubbies.
- The base trim line comes with an easy-clean vinyl floor; all others have carpet.
- An available All-Terrain Package includes an off-road suspension and front recovery hooks.



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

COOL FEATURES

- Standard rearview camera
- Available Wi-Fi hotspot capability
- Available navigation and smartphone integration
- Standard power driver's seat
- Available remote starter

MARKET POSITION

- Midsized trucks don't do as well in the market as full-size, possibly because their upper-line prices can overlap those of their larger siblings. Buyers have to look at smaller-size convenience as well as price.

THE COMPETITION



Chevrolet Colorado
Base price: \$19,400



Toyota Tacoma
Base price: \$24,285



Nissan Frontier
Base price: \$22,748


The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl

four-wheel drive. Depending on the configuration, towing capacity goes as high as 3,175 kilograms.

No truck really drives "truck-like" anymore, but the Canyon is very well done. Its steering is well-weighted — light enough for easy manoeuvring, but weighted enough for confidence — and when the going gets mucky, it can be dialled into four-wheel on the fly. The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl to satisfy fans who want a truck, not a car.

The interior is a scaled-down version of the full-size GMC Sierra, and you can order such upscale options as navigation, forward collision alert, lane departure warning, and leather seats. A nice touch is that while many manufacturers include all of the available option buttons, and blank out the ones that weren't ordered, GM installs just the right number of controls. It's a small thing, but the dash doesn't look like you "cheated out"

with all those blank buttons.

Also borrowed from GM's bigger trucks is the simple but effective bumper step that gives you a quick leg up into the box. A factory spray-in bedliner is available, too.

There are still a few contenders in this segment, but for performance and comfort, I think the Canyon is currently the best of the bunch.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Car-people link drives cultural anthropologist

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



Some people have such deep connections with their vehicles they made sure they got buried in them.

There was that California socialite and her 1963 Ferrari 330 America, that former Second World War army sergeant and his 1994 Chevrolet Corvette, and that 90-year-old gentleman from South Carolina and his 1973 Pon-

tiac Catalina.

Michael Thomas studies this car-people connection for a living. He is Ford Motor Company's first on-staff cultural anthropologist. Speaking over the phone from Ford's worldwide HQ in Dearborn, Mich., he noted that some objects do more than their primarily design role; they cross over into the cultural realm and become important in how we associate as humans.

This cultural role of vehicles is what deepens our connection to them, says Thomas. "Cars help individuals exert themselves in

the social world."

Examples of how vehicles implicate themselves into an individual's social world are many and varied, and differ throughout the world. Here in North America, the classic ones are cars as extensions of an individual's personality (be it speedy or quirky or whatever), as status symbols, and as one of the last bastions of personal space.

But Ford is also interested in finding the more nuanced ways vehicles implicate themselves into our lives, and particularly in areas of the world where car

ownership is a relatively new phenomenon.

Thomas has been working at Ford for two years now. He and his team spent the first year just gathering data around the globe. How does one gather cultural anthropological data? By shadowing people, from the time they get up to the time they're done for the night, for several days in a row, much like a reality show, just without the cameras, fake drama, and C-list celebrities.

"The idea is to triangulate all the data, not just the car-related data."

One of the subjects the team followed was a new dad in China, whose passion is extreme sports. His vehicle is very important to him, because it had to fit his new role as guardian and protector, and yet still embody a sliver of his former edgy self. So he chose a safe but sporty-enough vehicle, that he envisioned himself using, to navigate his family in and around the scary traffic conditions in urban China — a new form of extreme sport, if you will.

"We found that people use vehicles to help them through their transitions," adds Thomas.

Another subject was a sari salesperson in India. As per cultural protocol, as soon as the transaction shifted to the payment phase, she had to hand off the transaction to a male colleague. The rest of her life was like that, too, always deferring to male authority. But in her car, she took up the same amount of space as anyone else on the road. It was her way of to gain agency not permitted in other areas of her life.

"She didn't have to defer to anyone on the road. She was equal."

Tiguan: Buy with confidence

USED VEHICLE

After checks, 2009 to 2015 models equal solid purchase

Competing with the likes of the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape with an eye for German-engineered quality, refinement and luxury, the Volkswagen Tiguan crossover hit the market for model-year 2009, and has enjoyed a loyal following of owners ever since.

Tiguan appears a fairly solid used crossover bet, though a few checks are advised. Start with a scan of the engine's computer at a VW dealer: many owners have reported issues with ignition coil packs, sensors or even a buildup of valve gunk causing poor performance, sporadic power delivery and other issues, most of which will either cause a check-engine light to illuminate, or a 'trouble code' to be stored in the engine's computer. A computer scan is fast and cheap, and can reveal a multitude of



STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

potential problems.

Confirm proper operation of the Bluetooth system, all steering-wheel mounted controls, motorized seat adjustments and the climate control system, ensuring each works as expected. Confirm prop-

er operation of the Tiguan's xenon lighting system too, if equipped. Xenon lights last longer than halogen lights, though they're pricier to replace when they do burn out.

Some owners have reported issues with the Tiguan's cool-

ing system, so have a VW mechanic inspect the level and condition of its engine coolant, and check for signs of coolant leakage, which could indicate a worn water pump or other issues.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD FOR METRO

What owners like

Common owner praise-points include a quiet ride, comfortable cabin, taut handling, upscale interior trimmings and an overall feel of solid quality. On models with the 4Motion AWD system, all-weather traction is rated highly, too.

What owners dislike

A high upfront price, sometimes clumsy navigation interface, and a small cargo hold requiring owners to fold rear seats flat to stow away more cargo. Furthermore, despite Tiguan's sporty engine, some owners take issue with its requirement to be fed high-octane fuel.

Features

Targeting a shopper who seeks handling, comfort and performance, Tiguan's available feature content included a panoramic sunroof, heated leather, xenon lights, Bluetooth, navigation, up-level Dynaudio audio systems, power seats, keyless engine start and plenty more.

The verdict

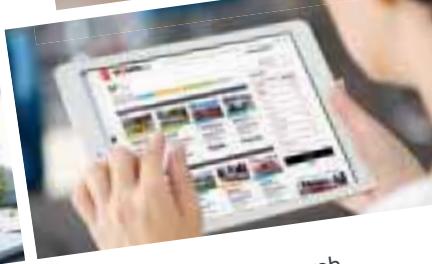
Tiguan's most common issues seem easy to diagnose and repair, and they're all reported fairly infrequently. Thanks to Volkswagen's experience with the 2.0T powerplant and 4Motion system, shoppers can take confidence in buying a used copy that passes a basic mechanical and computer scan at a VW dealer.

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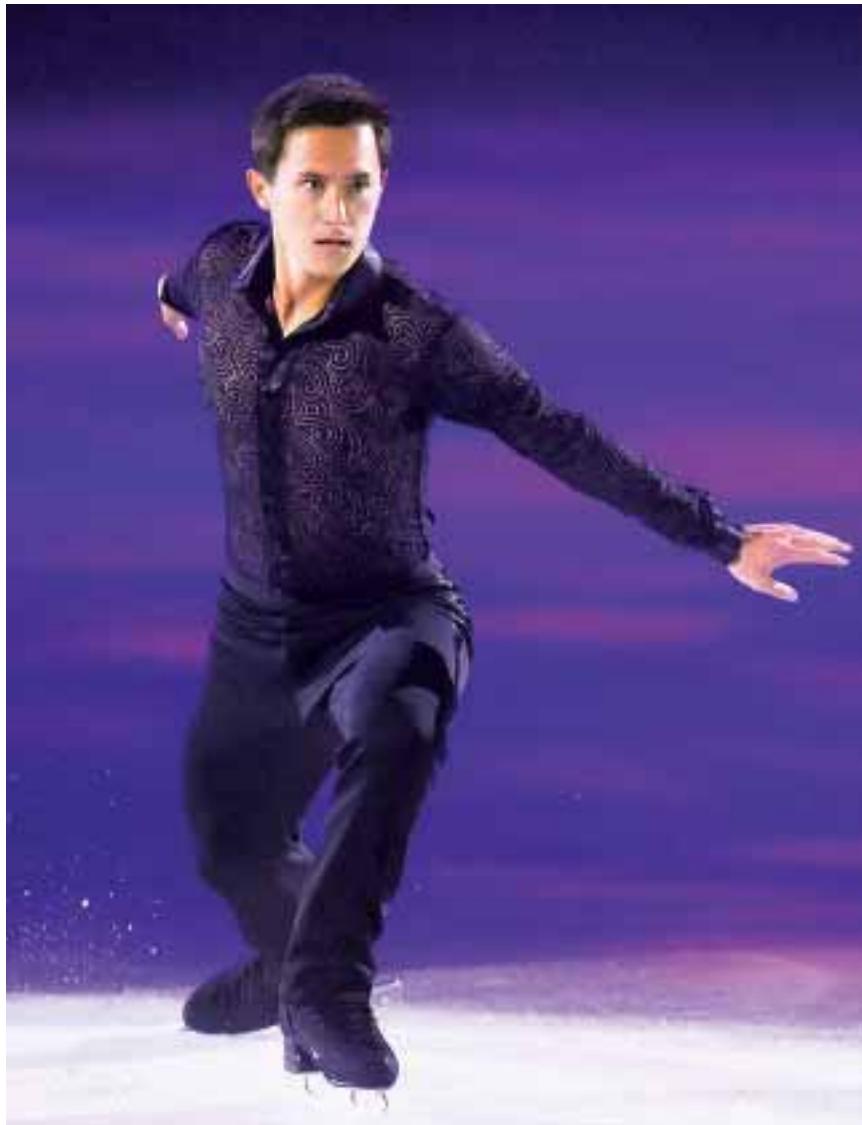
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Milos Raonic is off to the third round of the Madrid Open after beating Juan Monaco

Wednesday, May 6, 2015



Patrick Chan of Canada plans to return to figure skating after stepping away from the sport following his silver medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. ATUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Bombers make deal for defensive back

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers acquired defensive back Ryan Mouton from the Calgary Stampeders for offensive lineman Shaub Sanders on Tuesday.

Both are international players. Mouton re-signed with Calgary as a free agent in February after joining the squad last October. He spent three seasons with Tennessee and the Washington Redskins after being taken in the third round, No. 94 overall, in the 2009 NFL draft by the Titans.

Sanders was a fifth-round pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2012. He spent that season on the injured



Ryan Mouton
GETTY IMAGES

reserve list and attended the NFL team's training camp the following year before being released.

Winnipeg releasing international linebacker Tra-

Shaun Nixon.

Meanwhile, Calgary released 10 players, including defensive lineman Brandon Jordan and defensive back Brandon Underwood. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Pacquiao hit with class-action lawsuit over injury

Manny Pacquiao and his handlers have been hit with a lawsuit asking for damages for anyone who paid to watch his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. because he failed to disclose his shoulder was injured. It alleges that the viewers were defrauded after paying to watch the fight, and seeks class-action status on behalf of anyone who bought tickets, pay-per-view or bet on the fight. Pacquiao is expected to undergo surgery this week for a rotator cuff tear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Politics, football overlap as Israel and Palestine face off

Israel's Football Association said Tuesday that Palestinians football officials are "injecting politics into sports" by calling on FIFA to suspend the Jewish state from world football. The Palestinian proposal features in FIFA's published agenda for its election congress on May 29. Ofer Eini, president of Israel's FA, said his organization has done its best to assist Palestinian soccer, but that many issues were beyond its control and needed to be resolved at a political level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Morata hurts old club Real in first leg



Juve's Stephan Lichtsteiner, right, battles Real Madrid's Marcelo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tion this past season — Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, who won world bronze, are good friends and train at the same arena in Detroit. He admitted he "skinned through" the men's programs a couple of days after the world championships, fast forwarding to the big jumps.

Post-Olympic seasons usually are lacking and Chan wasn't super impressed by what he saw.

"Nothing too special — no offence," he said. "It was a very exciting competition, of course technically everyone did all the quads (quadruple jumps), but we've had two, three seasons of these quads coming back into the men's field, so that's to be expected now."

"At this point, especially myself, I look to a skater who is pushing the boundaries program-wise."

Chan hopes to do just that. "I want to skate a program that I can get off the ice and say 'I'm proud of what I just did,'" he said. "I hope it's something people will look back in years to come, or coaches can play a program to skaters to say 'This is what it takes to be a champion.'

"That's really my goal, not necessarily winning a medal. I think I'm beyond that in my career." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sky is limit for Chan's return

FIGURE SKATING

Action-packed year off has inspired skater to do big things

Falling to earth from 13,000 feet helped Patrick Chan put life in perspective. "You pull the chute and, oh my gosh, the view is amazing," Chan said. "It just makes you realize how small I am and how small the figure skating world is."

The 24-year-old from Toronto was scheduled to go sky diving again Tuesday in Montreal with fellow Canadian figure skaters Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, Eric Radford, Jeffrey Buttle and Joannie Rochette — who introduced Chan to the extreme sport while in Florida recently.

The three-time world champion confirmed last week he was returning to competition after an adventurous year off that included sky diving, surfing and back-country skiing. He even has his own ice wine label, set for release in June.

"I think that (the fun times) will help with my return to skating, to just remind myself that 'Hey, look at how great of a life I have, and skating and the place I finish doesn't af-

COMPETITION

Chan's return is good news for Canadian men's skating. With Chan out, and Olympian Kevin Reynolds struggling with both skate issues, then a hip injury, 16-year-old Nam Nguyen won the national title and went on to finish fifth at the world championships.

fect at all who I am and what I can do with it."

Chan didn't dare tell coach Kathy Johnson about sky diving until after he was back on safe ground.

"So that I wouldn't deal with her wrath," Chan said, laughing.

He drew parallels between leaping from a plane and stepping on to the ice.

"Very very frightening," Chan said on a conference call. "The anticipation was very very similar."

Chan stepped away from competition after his silver medal performance at last year's Sochi Olympics. He believes, even had he won gold in Sochi, he would've taken a break.

The seven-time Canadian champion was a keen spectator of the ice dancing competi-

Former Real Madrid forward Alvaro Morata came back to haunt his old club as he netted the opener for Juventus on its way to a 2-1 victory over the holders in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

Morata, who moved to Juventus after helping Madrid to a record 10th Champions League title, didn't celebrate after scoring. Cristiano Ronaldo became the competition's all-time top scorer with Madrid's equalizer before Carlos Tevez restored Juventus' lead from the spot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Chicken with Rice, Green Olives and Tomato Sauce

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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 36 minutes
Serving Size: 4

Ingredients

- 3 tsp vegetable oil, divided
- 4 medium chicken quarters cut into thighs and drumsticks
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1/2 cups chopped green bell peppers
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 can (19 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 cup sliced stuffed green olives
- 1 Tbsp drained capers
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add 2 tsp of the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Dust the chicken with the flour. Brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Add to baking dish.



3. Remove the fat from the skillet, wipe it clean and re-spray with cooking oil.
4. Add the remaining 1 tsp oil along with the garlic, onion and green pepper and cook, for 4 minutes or until softened.
5. Stir in the rice, tomatoes, stock, olives, capers, basil, chili powder, oregano and bay leaf.
6. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 minute and pour over the chicken. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes, stirring a couple of times, until the juices run clear when the leg is pierced at the thickest point and the rice is tender. Garnish with parsley or cilantro.

Nutrition per serving

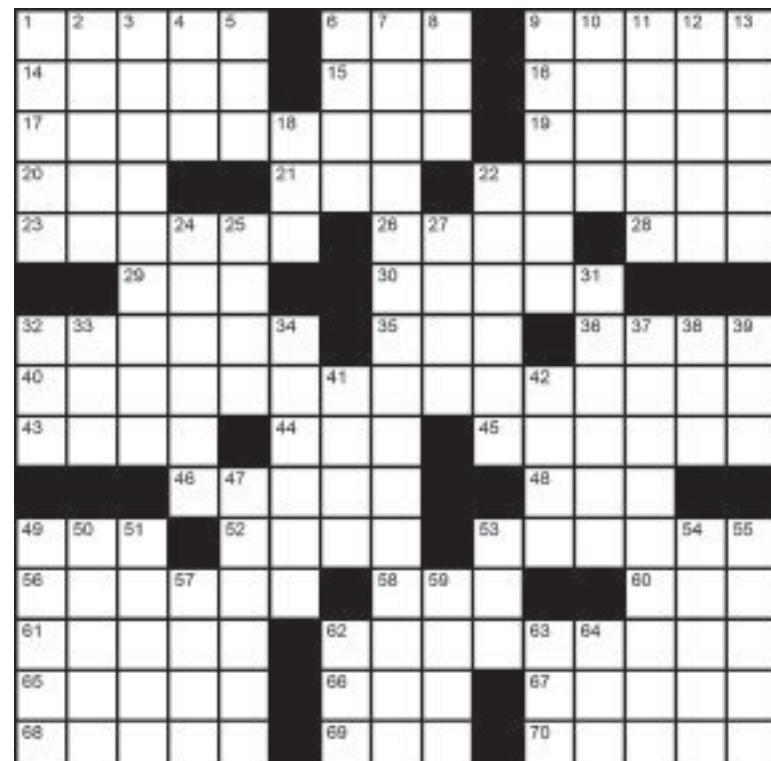
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- Protein 34 g
- Carbohydrates 7.6 g
- Fat 10 g

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ACROSS



1. 'au lait' beverages
6. Ms. Mendes
9. Travel documentation
14. Gumbo ingredients
15. "Notorious" (1946) setting
16. Bar soap brand, _ Spring
17. Canadian sardines brand
19. Toy truck
20. Louis XIV, par exemple
21. Paul McCartney & Wings song
22. Made a batch of that powdered fruit-flavoured drink, say
23. Sports stadium song
26. Face shape
28. Bard's 'previously'
29. Fee-fi-fo-__
30. Henhouse
32. University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia
35. X - VII = ?
36. Chocolate bar of bubbles
40. Chad Al-Ian, for The Guess Who: 3 wds.
43. San __, Italy
44. Oprah Winfrey's TV network
45. Amidst, to a poet
46. Refreshing, as an idea
48. __-Tac-Toe
49. Energy
52. __ Beach, Florida

53. Van Halen song; or, a famous Canal
56. 2009 James Cameron directed movie
58. Tartan-wearer's turndown
60. __ of Light" by Madonna
61. Pronounce once more

62. Techie purchase: 2 wds. (Note: Answer has a number in it)
65. Book's li'l lead in
66. __ B (Chooser's two choices)
67. Pirate's secret chest
68. BBQ sizzler
69. "The Graduate"

(1967) director ...his initials-sharers
70. "Homeland" star Claire

DOWN

1. Hooded snake
2. Ohio city
3. Place for picking-your-own and picnicking, perhaps: 2 wds.
4. Suffix with 'Jacob'
5. "Hiss!"
6. Fort __, Ontario
7. Setting of Josh Hartnett's series "Penny Dreadful": 2 wds.
8. Perfect
9. Life signs
10. Press

55. Actor, Lew __ (b.1908 - d.1996)
57. Ms. Reid
59. Belonging to May's lil' preceder
62. 'Timely' hit for Matchbox 20
63. __ be an honour."
64. US firearms org.

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Meet up with friends and do things together today. And don't just limit yourself to social activities. Make the world a better place.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will get the chance to climb several rungs up the ladder of success over the next few days but there is also a danger that you could slip and fall all the way to the bottom.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Travel and social plans will go well today. News from afar is likely too, perhaps from someone you last saw on less than friendly terms.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be brutally honest today, both with yourself and with other people. The

fact is you don't really care what others think. What you discover over the next 24 hours will affect you profoundly.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What others are suggesting may sound enticing but before you go along with their plans try to work out what's in it for you and what's in it for them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have your doubts about a plan or project that everyone else seems enthusiastic about and if you are smart you will speak up and start a debate.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what you feel like doing today and ignore those who say you are doing it wrong or that you should

be doing more for other people. The fact is you have done your share and have every right to reward yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Not even a Scorpio can get their own way all the time and you have no option now but to accept that others are calling the shots. Don't waste time complaining.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Go somewhere new and do something different today. The more adventurous you are and the further you travel from your home base the more fun you will have.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to take

care where your finances are concerned. Above all you should resist the temptation to spend money on luxuries and other things you know you cannot really afford.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be thinking of starting something new but would it not make more sense to finish what you started a while back first? Today's powerful Sun-Pluto link will help you knockle down and get the job done - finally!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may think that if you don't act fast someone else will beat you to a prize that should have been yours — and maybe you're right, maybe they will — but is it really so important? You don't have to be this competitive.

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